

the validity of any such lien or mortgage and the amount of payment to be made and the employment of attorneys and other personnel skilled in State real estate law as necessary.

(D) payment authorized in connection with remission or mitigation procedures relating to property forfeited; and

(E) the payment of State and local property taxes on forfeited real property that accrued between the date of the violation giving rise to the forfeiture and the date of the forfeiture order

(3) RESTORATION

PAYMENT

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Federal health care offense referred to in paragraph (1) resulted in a loss to an employee welfare benefit plan within the meaning of section 3(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to such employee welfare benefit plan from the amount realized from the forfeiture of property referred to in paragraph (1) an amount equal to such loss. For purposes of paragraph (1) the term "restoration payment" means the amount transferred to an employee welfare benefit plan pursuant to this paragraph.

SEC. 250. RELATION TO ERISA AUTHORITY.

Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed as affecting the authority of the Secretary of Labor under section 506 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 including the Secretary's authority with respect to violations of title 18 United States Code (as amended by this subtitle).

Subtitle F—Administrative Simplification

SEC. 261. PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this subtitle to improve the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the medical program under title XIX of such Act and the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system by encouraging the development of a health information system through the establishment of stand-

ards and requirements for the electronic transmission of certain health information.

SEC. 262.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title XI (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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"DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 1171. For purposes of this part:

"(1) CODE SET. — The term "code set" means any set of codes used for encoding data elements, such as tables of terms, medical concepts, medical diagnostic codes, or medical procedure codes.

"(2) HEALTH CARE CLEARINGHOUSE. — The term "health care clearinghouse" means a public or private entity that processes or facilitates the processing of nonstandard data elements of health information into standard data elements.

29 USC
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